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Gen. Wilson

25X1 This paper by [redacted] can be considered a part of our Middle East post-mortem effort, Phase II. I propose that we publish it as an IC Staff Study and dissem to appropriate addressees (principally to those in town interested in ME affairs).

I think this is a fascinating and important paper but it is also, for us, something of an anomaly. It does review product but it also can be considered, in the main, a substantive intelligence paper. (Indeed, I would say that its principal contribution to knowledge lies in its analytical substance, not in its evaluation of community performance.) It would be a great mistake not to publish it, I think, but I would be leery of giving it a lot of high-level, formal treatment (of the sort provided the published Post-Mortem Report). Thus I suggest that we send a copy to the DCI but not submit it to USIB.

If you concur, I will do two things before the paper is published: (1) write a note for the beginning which describes its purpose and its "history" as a part of the IC Staff post-mortem effort; and (2) have the maps improved and clarified.

25X1 Note: [redacted] did the research for this piece and wrote the initial draft. [redacted] and I made a number of suggestions and edited. The NIO/ME and Assistant NIO/ME have seen and approved.

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